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In advance of calculation of the filing fee, and in advance of examination of the application, please cancel claims 1-17, leaving claims 18-37 for purposes of substantive examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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